

REMARKS

Claims 1-12, 16-19 and 21-28 are pending in the above-referenced patent application. Claim 24 was rejected, while Claims 1-12, 16-19, 21-23 and 25-28 were allowed. Claim 24 has been canceled without prejudice.

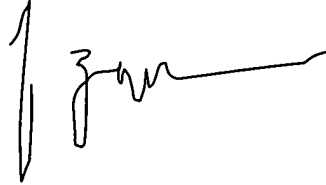
For the above reasons, and other reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the application should be allowed. Please continue to send all communications to the agent of record.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-1960 for any additional fees required in connection with this filing.

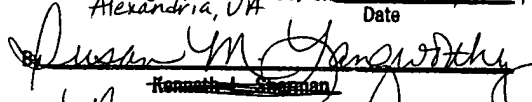
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